

CRANK AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

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Other Items of General Interest—Will Ex-Senator McDonald Be Secretary of the Treasury—Phelps for Governor of New Jersey.

John G. Apple, a dyer living at 171 New York avenue, created excitement yesterday afternoon by dropping down on his knees in the vestibule of the white house, praying God to give him strength to kill the President. As it was the Fourth of July he believed it to be the day that God had set apart for him purposely to commit the act. The police immediately arrested the man, who when locked up in a cell at the fourth precinct station became a raving maniac and tore all his clothes off his back. Apple's sudden attack of insanity has caused his friends much surprise, as he was locked upon as a quiet and hardworking man.

Indiana Members Think that He Will Get the Treasury Portfolio.

EX-Senator McDonald was the center of a group of Indiana congressmen in one of the corridors of the capitol a few days ago. They were joking with him about his rumored elevation to the Cabinet, and commenting on his frequent visits to Washington. The senator smiled very much and said very little. A reporter happened afterward told a reporter of the *Indianapolis Times* that there was more than people thought in the rumor that McDonald would get the treasury portfolio. "I have no direct information on this subject," said the reporter, "but facts point that way. In the first place McDonald does not deny that he has been

spoken to by the President about entering the Cabinet. When questioned on this point he turns the matter off as a joke, but does not deny. Then there is something suspicious in his recent enthusiastic endorsement of the administration. This might not surprise people here, but out in Indiana, when it was heard that McDonald had praised the President's course, everybody at once said there was something in it. Why? Because ever since

The Chicago convention McDonald has been a typical Indiana sorehead. During the whole first year of the administration he seldom referred to matters at Washington, and when he did it was with contempt. He never came near the capital, never sought any favors for his followers, and posed as a sour malcontent. The sudden conversion dates from the time when a reorganization of the Cabinet was talked of. The frequent visits to Washington began about the same time. Whether these were merely a solicitude, or whether the facts have an intelligence, construction I am of course unable to grant.

He is not comfortable to say, but McDONALD believes in such coincidences. McDonald has given up all hopes of getting back in the Senate in the immediate future. He knows Indiana will go Republican this fall and reelect Senator Harrison. Nor does he hope any longer to be the Democratic candidate for the presidency, so it is my opinion that

he has made up his mind to attach himself to the powers that be, and thus get back into political circles in Washington."

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PHELPS FOR GOVERNOR.

Likely to Head the State Ticket in New Jersey This Year.

Hon. William Walter Phelps was seen by a reporter of the REPUBLICAN just before he left Washington for New York, to

take his European trip. When asked about the political outlook in New Jersey, he said: "I think the state will elect a Republican governor and legislature this fall. The Democrats at home seem to be disgusted with the administration of President Cleveland, and have grown apathetic on the eve of the battle. The usual quarrels over federal offices have divided the leaders, and their followers are more bitter toward each other than they ever were toward the Republicans. Success in the national elections has proved an injury, in-

to give an encouragement, to the new party. The Democrats, on the other hand, have a compact organization; have no offices to quarrel about, and will go into the campaign a united body. Of course there is a spirit of rivalry between the candidates for the governorship and the legislature, but it is a good-natured rivalry. The selection of the nominating committee is a matter of course everywhere, and there will be no bolting."¹

"Will you be a candidate for governor, Mr. Phelps?" was asked.

"I can answer that question when I return from Europe, was the reply. "I am well satisfied with my seat in Congress, and will not leave it until I have a more urgent and anxious to undergo the labors incident to a gubernatorial campaign. You see I

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CONTEST ON HORSEBACK.

Well Known Athletes Have a Combat With Cavalry Sabers.

Contests between horsemen armed with United States cavalry sabers, which have become so popular in San Francisco, originated with Duncan C. Ross, the well known athlete, who when last in this city defeated

the "Jap," Zaratuchi. Mr. Ross is the champion at all games of strength and skill, and, seeking for a more elevated style of sport, beought him of his cavalry experience while in the Scots Greys, British army. The attraction of this sport lies in the unexpected; no two attacks are alike, the skill of the horsemen in cutting and parrying, and the movements of the horses, save the monotony which so frequently mark contests in wrestling and sparring. To this extent had the favor of these exhibitions been secured.

Excitement reigned as the people of San Francisco gathered to witness the match between Ross and Sgt. Owsen. Davis, 2d troop, 2d cavalry, which was a draw. Ross has lost but one contest—that to Sergt. C. Walsh, who, on Thursday afternoon, at Athletic Park, is to meet the redoubtable champion in an endeavor to gain the valuable Donaghue diamond medal, \$1,000, and the championship. The chances of danger in the

contests are reduced to a minimum, as the gladiators are incased in steel armor and heavy masks, so, although the sabers are sharp, the only risk is that of being unboresed. Altogether, the scene is a reminder of the ancient days of chivalry, when the bravest and strongest knight was the most honored, and none of the glamour of the scene is lost by the attendance of so many ladies at the sport. *Harper's Weekly* of May 22 gives a fine description and a splendid illustration of one of these combats.

Bridge for the Eastern Branch.
The committee on the District of the Senate have directed a favorable report upon the bill for the constructing of a bridge across the Eastern branch at the foot of Pennsylvania avenue east. The House

till for the Eastern branch bridge restrict the cost to \$110,000, and provides that the Secretary of War shall not pay out any of the money until contracts for the completion of the bridge shall have been made. The sum of \$110,000 is appropriated to be treated as part of the general expenses of the District, the United States to be credited with 50 per cent. of the cost. The sum of \$6,000 is made immediately available.
